

from Morristown, TN, ending Gladstone's chances to be world champions. Nonetheless, the Gladstone team can take heart that their loss was to a formidable opponent: Morristown would eventually go on to win the Little League World Series of Softball.

Despite their loss to Morristown, the Gladstone All-Stars' World Series was not quite over. In fact, the team would continue playing well. Ultimately, with a 5–2 victory over Waterford, CT, the Gladstone All-Stars secured their position as the number three softball team in the world.

Throughout their visit to Portland, OR, and their participation in the Softball Little League World Series, Gladstone's team conducted themselves with dignity and class and continued to exhibit fine sportsmanship.

When they returned last month to Gladstone, they were greeted in triumphant fashion by approximately 300 fans from Gladstone and the surrounding area. Gladstone area residents came together to show these returning young heroes the deep support the team enjoyed in the community.

Madam Speaker, in small town America, local sports are often the soul of a community. The Gladstone Major Girls' All-Stars made all of Gladstone, indeed all Michigan's U.P., proud with their efforts this season and I congratulate each of them: Alison Austin, Nicole Barteld, Jammie Botruff, Neena Brockway, Ashley Hough, Averi Kanyuh, Jordan Kowalski, Heather Sanderson, Jordan Schwartz, Nicole Sharon, and Shannon Wolf. I also congratulate the team's coaches, Andy Schwartz and John Nevala.

Madam Speaker, as the citizens of the Gladstone area celebrate these young women's achievement, I would ask that you and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join me in congratulating these young women on their winning record, their participation in the Little League World Series of Softball and, most of all, the sportsmanship and dignified demeanor they displayed in representing Gladstone and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

#### TRIBUTE TO JENNIFER DUNN

#### HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 6, 2007*

Mrs. MYRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Jennifer Dunn. Jennifer was a role model for those of us who were fortunate to serve in Congress with her. She blazed many paths in politics for other women to follow.

Jennifer always gave of herself and was willing to reach out and help wherever it was needed.

I am so thankful she was able to enjoy a happy marriage to Keith and spend time with her family these last few years. Our hearts go out to them in their loss. Please keep the family in your prayers.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO VIDA LIN

#### HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 6, 2007*

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Vida Chan Lin for her tireless efforts on behalf of the Las Vegas community.

Vida Chan Lin has been an outstanding member of the Asian Community in Nevada for more than ten years. She currently serves as the vice-president for both the Las Vegas Asian Chamber of Commerce and the Las Vegas Organization of Chinese Americans. In addition to these prestigious roles Vida also has the honor of being a founding member of the Nevada Asian American/Pacific Islander Leadership Council, and in 2002 she worked on the fundraising committee of the Japanese American Citizens League national convention. She has also served on the Clark County Business Development Advisory Council, and was a member of the Clark County Library District Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Advisory Committee.

Vida's positive attitude and passion for service in the Asian American community has made her a well respected leader and role model for younger generations. Members of her chapter of the Organization of Chinese Americans have characterized her as the "Queen Bee" of their growing family and state that without her, they would not be where they are today. Vida's efforts and accomplishments provide an atmosphere for others to learn and benefit from her exceptional leadership.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Vida Chan Lin. I would like to personally thank her for her dedicated service to our community, as well as for her support of the Asian Pacific Islander community in Las Vegas.

#### CONGRATULATING MS. SAMANTHA BEDINGER

#### HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 6, 2007*

Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my constituents Ms. Samantha Bedinger of Golden, Colorado, who will attend a People to People World Leadership Forum in 2008. Her outstanding academic merits and communal involvement have laid a solid foundation of individual integrity and dedication: both characteristics of a qualified leader. I am honored to represent such a promising young woman.

Created in 1956, the People to People Program is an educational travel program dedicated to fostering leadership potential in youth worldwide. People to People has helped more than 200,000 students and professionals develop their leadership skills based upon Dwight D. Eisenhower's belief that "people can make a difference where governments cannot." This unique interaction and exposure will enable Ms. Samantha Bedinger to gain a greater understanding and insider's perspective of Washington, DC.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to acknowledge one of Colorado's own. Please join me in congratulating Ms. Samantha

Bedinger and wishing her the best in her future endeavors.

#### COMMENDING MS. MARTI THOMAS DONEGHY ON SIX YEARS OF SERVICE

#### HON. JULIA CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 6, 2007*

Ms. CARSON. Madam Speaker, today I recognize the laudable contributions of my Legislative Director, Ms. Marti Thomas Doneghy. After nearly 6 years on my staff, and 18 years of government service, Marti will be leaving to add her energy and abilities to bolster the AARP headquarters here in Washington.

Marti joined my staff after 7 years in the Department of Energy, where she was a leader of renewable energy programs, advancing not only a responsible energy policy but also increasing the government's partnership with the energy industry and minority-owned businesses. She also worked closely with the Department of State to bring energy initiatives to communities in Africa, an important part of advancing America's image abroad.

Her knowledge of the energy issues facing this country was of great personal help to me, as renewable energy has become a leading issue of our time. Her leadership as Legislative Director was invaluable, as she worked effectively not only within my staff, but with many staffers across the Hill. Marti's acumen as a staffer came from her earlier experience on the Hill as press secretary for the Honorable Glen Browder, and from her first day in my office, she capably called upon all of her experiences to become a leader in every sense of the word.

Madam Speaker, Ms. Marti Thomas Doneghy has been an invaluable asset to both me and to this House. While I am sad to see her leave, I know that she will carry her knowledge and leadership skills throughout her career, wherever it may lead her.

Marti, I wish you all the best in your pursuits, and I thank you deeply for your many years of service.

#### IN HONOR OF ROBERT S. "BOB" BONEY

#### HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 6, 2007*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a great man, Mayor Bob Boney of Leesburg, Georgia. I am proud to be able to call Mr. Boney a friend and a constituent of the Second Congressional District of Georgia. He has dedicated most of his life to his community, and the value of his service extends far beyond the meaning contained within his current title.

For the past 17 years, Bob has served Leesburg as Mayor. However, his previous experience in business and public service made him well-equipped for the job. He served in the Marine Corps in World War II, served the state as a revenue agent from 1956 to 1966 and was a state prison warden of Lee Correctional Institute from 1966 to 1986. He retired